

# State Youth Council

October 11, 2007

## NOTES

**Attendees:** Jane Broadhead, Marie Christman, Ann Barnson, Julie Lay, Kathleen Johnson, Jane Lewis, Lesnie Foster, Tami Huntington, Julie Anderson, Vicki Fenton, John Fulmer, Shauna South, Marty Kelly, Steve Jenson, Norman Johnson, Lee Nelson, Toni Ansel, Margo Weeks, Shelly Ivie, Murray Meszaros, Robert Crawford, Lori Strong and Paul Otto

Marie introduced new members

Marie also congratulated Melissa Freigang on the recent article published in *business weekly?* Magazine.

### APPROVAL OF APRIL 26, 2007 MINUTES

Norman Johnson made a motion that the minutes be approved as written. All approved.

### BUDGET AND OUTCOME REPORTS

Jane reviewed the budget info as of September 24. Regions need to make sure that 50% of the funding is used for out-of-school youth. The current law mandates 30% out-of-school youth expenditures, but we anticipate that reauthorization will increase that target. The Council previously moved from 70% to 50%. The expenditure target at this time is 18%. No region has reached this target. These numbers are for the state fiscal year.

### PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

There has been a reduction of from nine to three measures. This is beneficial, but we have been having difficulty with the literacy/numeracy measure. The negotiated target is 24%. Education must be partners in achieving this. Old program year end outcomes were presented. First quarter of program year 07 was also reviewed. We were very pleased to see the literacy/numeracy outcome at 28%. This makes us cautiously optimistic. A tremendous amount of work occurred after the August 29 Summit.

### CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF PROVIDERS

Lacking a quorum, an e-mail vote will be conducted. The law requires a competitive bid for services. If no qualified proposals are received in a particular area, the DWS agency in that area will provide services. Providers are monitored.

The providers for each area are as follows:

- Central Region - Salt Lake County Youth Employment Services.
- Eastern Region - DWS.
- Mountain land Region - The Mountainland Consortium
- North Region
  - Futures Through Training (FTT) for Ogden, Weber, and Morgan counties

- DWS for Box Elder, Rich, and Cache counties
- Western - DWS.

All are delivering above 80% compliance.

Marty asked if the providers contract with education or actually provide services. Jane responded that services are provided through local coordination.

## STATE YOUTH COUNCIL GOALS

Information on the goals set last January was provided in the packets. The goals which have been accomplished were highlighted.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Ann Barnson stated that DWS offers services in-house for Western Region. They have dedicated youth workers who act as mentors/trackers and as resources for employment counselors. Highlights for the year included their door opener activities and the youth reality store, which emulated life situations. They held quarterly workshops with youth which focus on budgeting and other life skills. They are struggling to identify out-of-school youth. At the meeting in Kansas City, Florida talked about their desire to do industry tours. Western region was pleased to share that they had already done some of these activities in Iron County. They're planning to do industry tours again this year, but earlier in the year. Schools also allowed presentations and assemblies. They worked with the work-based learning coordinators in the schools. Some elements of the School-to-Careers project (funded between 1995 and 2000) remain. Their industry tours were offered only to students who were performing well. It was recommended that we not restrict the students, but allow all to see reality of the work world. The decision to restrict had been the principal's in this case. Murray indicated that work-based learning and mentoring really motivates out-of-school youth and Adult Ed participants. In the Job Corps model, work-based learning bridges training and the employer.

Kathleen noted there are new outreach efforts to identify dropouts (those who formally "exempt" out). In Central Region, the contract provider (YES) will receive information on those students who formally exempt out of Granite School District to follow up. This should be starting in a couple of months. They will then look at expanding to West High and Weber County/Ogden City schools.

A door opener activity with Magleby Construction was very successful. This was done as part of the TAL project.

Steve Jenson shared that they had taken American Indian students on a daylong ATV trip for team building exercises and skill activities. He feels that exposing youth to options and possibilities is important.

## YOUTH VISION TEAM UPDATE

Jane presented DOL's shared youth vision initiative. Utah has a team. It has received a small grant to develop initiatives. They are building on TAL successes for the target

population of youth in custody. The pilot is to begin next year at two identified secure care facilities. The youth vision team is being expanded and bringing in partners. There will be a focus on high-growth industries. The goal is to start transition activities and planning when the youth enters custody. It is important that soft skills be included in the curriculum. Research shows that most adults who have failed have some sort of disability and those need to be identified and addressed in order to break the pattern of failure. Vocational rehabilitation is involved. **ACTION:** Jane will share the YVT membership list with the minutes of this meeting.

The Fourth Annual Youth Summit is coming up for youth in transition. Over 100 are registered. This is to take place at Aspen Grove with the theme of "Taking The Lead".

The Young Adult Resource Network exists for youth who have emancipated out of foster care. The goal is to keep them involved. Youth will be tracked at ages 17, 19 and 21. Maintaining contacts is key.